**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association**

**November 18, 2020—9:45 a.m.**

**Online meeting via Zoom**

***Welcome and Opening:***

***President:*** ***Pam*** ***Asberry*** The meeting was called to order at 9:46 am. Pam welcomed everyone to the meeting.

***President-Elect: Cathy Thacker*** The day’s program was discussed. There will be no Brunch in January, but we will still have a business meeting. Cathy will work on what to do for a program. There is no December meeting.

***Secretary—Chris Morrow*** Minutes stand approved as posted.

***Treasurer—Gloria Park*** The budget was approved.

***Committee Reports:***

***Advisory: Eva Bone*** No report

***Anti-Trust: Mary Ann McTier*** No report

***Certification: Robin Engleman***  No Report

***Directory/Internet Liason:*** No report

***Federated Festivals: Judy Harper*** Pam met with the Festival chairs last week. The dates for the Festivals will be pushed back in the hopes that we can meet in-person. Hebron is no longer available for Central’s event on February 27th due to remodeling. Registration will be open now from December 1st through February 6th, 2021. Upon registering, students will need to choose whether they want to perform virtually or in-person Kathy Dawal has changed the website to allow for this option. Also, because of new software, teachers can now edit or correct their own entries.

***West: Becky Bonham*** The event will still be held on March 6th because no later dates are available.

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***Central: Michelle Peck*** The new event date is April 17th. Only three rooms will be available at Hebron for our use, so it is especially important to note whether students want to do it virtually or in-person. This date conflicts with Jr/Sr and All-State, but there are no other dates available for use of the church.

***North: Beth Ann Wise*** As of now, we have no date for the event until the end of January when the church is expected to get back with us.

***GMTA Auditions: Jiyeon Kwak*** The event date is FebruaryIt will be held through Video Submissions (YouTube) only. Videos can be uploaded February 8th - 13th, and results will be posted on February 16th. PianoWorks will be renting out the performance hall for $50.00/hour for recording. Please contact Derek for details if interested. Registration opens December 1st, 2020 and closes January 15th, 2021. Go to georgiamta.org and click on auditions registration. When logging in please refrain from using special cases and symbols for the composers names and titles of the pieces, and please double check the spelling. For questions and registration assistance, contact Jiyeon.

***GMTA/GATE Theory: Debbie Murphy*** The test is cancelled for 2021.

***Hospitality: Tina Darden***  No report

***Jr/Sr. Scholarship Auditions: Yumi Patterson*** The event is scheduled at PianoWorks on April 17, 2021 at this time, but may be changed into more of a Recital format due to new conflicts with Festival. Yumi will keep teachers informed.

***Member-at-Large: Susan Andrews*** No report

***MED/PED Scholarships: Cathy Thacker*** Cathy reminded everyone about this opportunity. The deadline is May 1st, 2021, and requirements are posted on the website.

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***Membership: Deb Hughes*** Deb sent a $25 Music and Arts gift card to Kimber Kwiatowski for winning the October membership contest. She would like to

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continue the contest into January and encouraged those who didn’t send in a benefit of membership to do so. New visitor Jeanne Leamer was introduced and welcomed. She teaches piano at the Gwinnett School of Music in Duluth and is their Federated Festival chair. Deb also gave “Woohoos” to several members who won awards or were placed on the GMTA Executive Board at the recent State Conference.

***MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards: Mary Ann McTier***  The national President attended the GMTA virtual conference and won our group’s $100 gift card.

***Music Day: Patti Bennett*** The event went pretty smoothly. Everything got submitted that was supposed to be submitted. Decisions will be made by the weekend, and Patti will get results out to teachers as quickly as possible.

***MusicLink: Nora Martin*** There is one student approved and awaiting a willing teacher, a 12 year old boy in Roswell who needs in-person violin lessons. Carol Matz offers free music to MusicLink teachers. Email her to receive the music.

***Newsletter: Natalie Hardy*** Deadline for submissions is the first of each month. There is no December newsletter.

***Performance Day: Lois Simon*** The even is cancelled due to Covid. Lois hopes we can do an event in the Spring at Café Rotham. There would be microphones and possibilities for ensemble performances.

***Publicity/Social Media: Eva Bone*** No report

***Teacher of the Year: Eva Bone*** December 31st is the deadline for submissions.

***Unfinished Business:*** None

***New Business:***  An email was received offering Liability Insurance for our group events at a cost of $17/event ($51/year). Cathy Thacker made a motion, and Deb Hughes seconded the motion, to purchase the insurance. The motion passed. Gloria Park will take care of paperwork and the purchase.

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***Good of Order:*** Jean Mann is improving after her back surgery. Deb Hughes asked everyone to double check Festival Bulletin songs for accuracy, as there are several mistakes in the print. When teachers make a mistake in registering, students are able to participate in another Festival without consequences.

***Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned at 10:30.

***Attendance:*** Pam Asberry, Cathy Thacker, Gloria Park, Chris Morrow, Robin Engleman, Deb Hughes, Lois Simon, Debbie Murphy, Susan Andrews, Beth Ann Wise, Mary Ann McTier, Kathy Dawal, Kimber Kwatkowski, Nora Martin, Yumi Patterson, Judy Harper